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Subject: Attn: Portland Harbor Superfund Comments, Reject Proposed Changes

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**To:** HarborComments < HarborComments@epa.gov>

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Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

I am writing to urge you to reject proposed changes to the 2017 Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan.

The changes proposed in the "Explanation of Significant Differences" (ESD) that was released by the EPA in October (2018) would reduce the threat risk associated with carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) and leave people, fish and wildlife at continued risk of unnecessary exposure to these toxic chemicals in Portland Harbor indefinitely.

Do not trade the health of our citizens and community for \$35 savings by the polluters Port of Portland and NW Natural.

It's time for the EPA to move forward with the cleanup plan that was adopted, not work behind the scenes with polluters to weaken the plan. Implementation of the plan is already behind schedule. I appreciate that EPA has recently sent a strong message to responsible parties that they need to move forward expeditiously to develop cleanup agreements and start the cleanup process. However, the proposed changes undermine public confidence that EPA is committed to moving forward. After nearly two decades, EPA needs to focus all its resources on moving the 2017 plan to implementation and our river towards health. Please reject the changes in the ESD.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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